

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN RICK JORE**, on January 25, 1999  
at 3:05 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Gary Beck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Robert C. Clark (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Shiell Anderson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 148; HB 23; HB 290 **POSTED**  
**1-21-99**

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 148**

**Sponsor:** Senator Bob DePratu, SD 40, presented the Bill on behalf of the Department of Transportation which wants to revise laws relating to the disposition of excess lands by that Department.

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**Proponents:** Tim Reardon, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Transportation.

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Sheila Stearns, Chancellor, Western Montana College, Dillon.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.3 - 11.9}***

Jay Verdi, Lincoln, Montana Volunteer Fire Department.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 14.9}***

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Bookout-Reinicke, Somerville, Juneau, Paul Clark to Tim Reardon.

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Rep. Paul Clark to Jay Verdi.

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Rep. Trexler to Tim Reardon.

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Rep. Somerville to Sen. DePratu.

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Rep. Gallus to Sheila Stearns.

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Reps. Bookout-Reinicke, Hedges, Juneau, Trexler to Tim Reardon.

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Senator DePrato closed the Hearing on SB 148.

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**HEARING ON HB 23**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg, HD 96, said this Bill will help facilitate the use of Montana agricultural products and create more economic development for rural economy by using ethanol-blended fuel in state-owned motor vehicles. **EXHIBIT(trh19a01) EXHIBIT(trh19a02) EXHIBIT(trh19a03).**

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**Proponents:** Shirley Ball, Nashua, Montana, representing EPAC.

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Mike Allen, President, Allen's Inc., Helena, Wholesaler-Retailer of Petroleum Products.

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John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau.

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Sharon Kindle, Past-President Advisor, Montana EPAC and WIFE.

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John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Division, Department of Transportation.

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**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Rep. Paul Clark to Mike Allen.

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Rep. Frank Smith to John Blacker.

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Rep. Juneau to Shirley Kindle.

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Reps. Frank Smith, Bookout-Reinicke, Beck to Mike Allen.

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Rep. Rick Jore to the Sponsor, Rep. Kitzenberg.

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Kitzenberg closed the Hearing on HB 23.

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**HEARING ON HB 290**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Cliff Trexler, HD 59, said this Bill would require the Justice Department to send a driver's license renewal notice to individuals who request the service, allowing the Department to charge \$1, voluntarily, to offset the costs of providing the service.

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**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Paul Clark, Barnett, Adams, Bookout-Reinicke, Frank Smith, Bob Clark, Jore to the Sponsor, Rep. Trexler.

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**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Trexler closed the Hearing on HB 290.

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.7 - 9.5}**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

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*REP. SHIELL ANDERSON, Chairman*

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*MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary*

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***EXHIBIT*** (*trh19aad*)